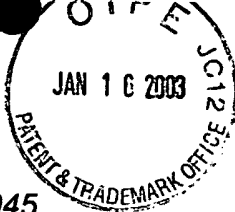


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base claims such that they are patentable for all of the reasons that the base claims are allowable and because they add further patentable limitation thereto. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Office reconsider and allow claims 1-45.

Conclusion

In light of the above, the Applicant respectfully submits that each of presently pending claims 1 through 45 is directed to patentably nonobvious invention. With this in mind, the Office's reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

In closing, the Applicant notes that he believes that he has fully responded to all issues raised in the Detailed Action. If, after consideration of the above amendments and comments, there remain any open issues in this application that possibly can be resolved by a telephone interview, then the Applicant's undersigned attorney most respectfully requests that he be called to discuss and attempt to resolve those issues.

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